

### Japan Will Revive Dispute

Those who believe all grounds for dispute between Japan and the United States have been obliterated by the war are destined to disappointment. The fact was demonstrated in New York when Baron Yoshio Sakatani, former finance minister, announced Japan's determination to press to a conclusion negotiations in the Japanese contention that subjects of the mikado have a right to emigrate to the United States and to own land in this country. These negotiations came to a deadlock two years ago, and were postponed because of the larger questions arising out of the European war for Japan's consideration. The Japanese embassy at Washington readily admitted that Baron Sakatani's announcement was correct.

Americans on the Pacific slope, particularly in California, are determined the Japanese shall not settle among them to colonize the lands, monopolize agriculture, gradually absorb the stores and schools in small towns, and transform American communities into Japanese. To this end, they are determined that the Japanese shall not own land and that their immigration to the United States shall not be unrestricted. So far, the United States has at least partially backed up their stand. To do otherwise in the light of the attitude of the people of the Pacific coast, would be to invite serious trouble.

It is not to be supposed that Japan will allow its subjects to be discriminated against. The position of the Japanese government is that restrictions on immigration and land holdings are not only derogatory to dignity but are unjust because discriminatory. Japan can be counted upon to force the issue in order to place itself finally and firmly upon the plane of a first class power. Ultimately the question must be settled, on one side or the other must give in. In the final negotiations, the United States will occupy a much stronger position if backed by an adequate, thoroughly equipped and highly trained army and navy, and also if some of the absurd conflicts between state laws and national policies could be adjusted.

It is not generally understood that Canada and Australia have the same Japanese problems as we have in Hawaii and our Pacific coast states, and that the British empire is also worried over Japanese immigration.

### The Hardening Hike

Eastern newspapers which derived some amusement from the fact that Arizona mustered only one regiment of national guardsmen for border patrol, will now kindly note another fact, namely, that the First Arizona Infantry has established a national guard record for desert marching by making 150 miles in a week, hiking up hill and down, under full pack. Men who are familiar with southern Cochise county will recognize it was no picnic for men in heavy marching order to hike from Naco to Hereford, Lewis Springs, Tombstone, Gleason, McNeal, Forest Ranch, and back to Naco. Of the entire regiment, ten men dropped out at one time or another, but quickly recuperated and came in strong at the finish. The showing of the Arizona regiment does credit to the stamina of the men.

These stiff marches are excellent for the guardsmen. That which the Pennsylvania division has been taking is a test of physical condition. The hike of the tenth and part of the 11th divisions will be equally beneficial. They will do a great deal toward hardening the men. More than that, every guardsman who makes those desert marches will learn a good deal about plains campaigning he never before dreamed. He will learn how to protect his feet, how best to wear his pack, how to "tap" his canteen only in sparing mouthfuls or mere lip moisteners while on the march, for a waterlogged man is no better on the march than a waterlogged boat on the sea, and a soldier in this region with no water in his canteen is about as useless as a cartridge with no powder.

Desert marching is severe medicine. Gen. Pershing's troops, hardened regulars that they were, found the forced march to Casas Grandes more trying. But it goes into the making of a seasoned soldier. Here goes a hope that the El Paso troops, in their marches, may stand the pace first and last, thus excelling the record made by the division marching from San Antonio to Austin when so many dropped out that Gen. Funston became impatient. To drop out because of illness or plain exhaustion is no disgrace, but every guardsman should be too proud to be in any sense a "sucker."

The Austrians have decided that legislation, while sometimes useful, is not a proper substitute for food.

### Villa's Rival In Interest

It has been remarked locally that if Pancho Villa stubbed his toe more interest would be created here than if Rome burned, the Germans captured Paris, or London slipped into the Thames, it being implied that border dwellers are intensely interested in Mexican affairs to the exclusion of other important matters. Newspapers, letters, and conversation have given color to that view.

Nevertheless, events of the past few days have proved El Paso is as much interested in another momentous situation as in the recrudescence of Villista activity. It is the critical situation in the National and American leagues where several teams of highly paid young men are competing for a couple of pennants in the hope of progressing thence to world series honors.

The contests arouse far more general interest among the men than does the presidential campaign. If you don't believe it, keep your ears open in the clubs, the restaurants, the barber rooms and the tobacco shops. Just once each year the country goes baseball crazy. It's getting around now to that time of year.

### Revising The Prayer Book

The commission on the revision of the Episcopal prayer book, in a report to be submitted to the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal church at St. Louis next month, will recommend the substitution of the word "condemn" for the word "dam" wherever it occurs. "Damn" is a good and useful word in its place; but the commission's idea is that "condemn" more fully expresses the intent of the passages referred to and is less offensive to sensitive tastes than the shorter word.

Perhaps condemnation conveys a less impression of blazing power and of finality than damnation. But that is permissible, for our more enlightened religion is disposed to temper justice with mercy, and while condemning unrighteousness, not to place the trespasser forever completely beyond the pale past all hope of redemption.

### Increase In Bread Cost

While farmers applaud and millers smile at the advance in wheat, it is a very grave matter to some millions of people. So sharply have prices of bread making materials advanced, that the five cent loaf of bread, in many a locality, has vanished and a loaf of the same size sells at six cents. In other places a smaller loaf is sold for five cents.

Thinking in terms of a cent, this seems unimportant. How much it really does matter is shown by calculations demonstrating that an increase of a cent a loaf on five cent bread means an additional expenditure every year for the people of a city the size of New York amounting to \$16,000,000. If this estimate is correct as applied to the 5,000,000 people of New York, it should mean \$300,000,000 a year more spent for bread by the people of the whole United States. That would, of course, be an assumption that almost all the people in the United States get their bread from the bakers. It is contended by some writers that most of them do, for notwithstanding the supposition that the farmer's wife bakes the family's bread, astonishingly few of them do in this day. The home made loaf is nearly as rare in most rural communities as in the city. Even where there is no regular bakery, often individuals make a specialty of bread and cake baking and sell their product to other families.

Recognizing from the estimates that even a small increase in the price of bread saddles an enormous additional expenditure upon the people of the United States, greatly increasing the cost of living, it is evident the burden will be no more welcome to one class than another. The average person can meet the higher costs—grudgingly but surely—but for the very poor the increase is next to tragedy.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is receiving considerable publicity for launching a new transatlantic liner with nine decks, private telephones and a theater, but there is no mention of mine nets or any protection against submarines. For some time to come, passengers to or from Europe are apt to display more interest in the boats and the life belts than in the splendor of the ship's music room and theater.

### Short Snatches From Everywhere

There are still a lot of British tanks sitting around the London clubs.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.  
A little thing like abdicating a throne is a mere bagatelle, if that's what it requires to appease an irate spouse.—Southern Lumberman (Nashville).  
Ten cent stores during the past eight months took in \$59,449,961. Well, no wonder we can't find five or ten cents when we need 'em.—Gary (Ind.) Times.  
Another reason why California is superior to Europe is because the tourist can look at the scenery without fanning smoke.—Galveston (Texas) News.  
Lynchings that elephant in Tennessee is only a taste of what the Democrats down there expect to do in November to another elephant.—Indianapolis News.  
A cruel exchange says that a man who was called a fool by his wife's father before the wedding now admits the old man was correct.—Mason (Ga.) News.

The policeman who cannot figure out what four little boys did with a half carload of watermelons evidently don't know little boys.—Cleveland Leader.  
When the farmers and consumers get together to reduce the cost of living, will that be both ends against the middle?—Oklahoma City Oklahoman.  
The reason a girl thinks she will have time to do a lot of china painting after she gets married is because she has never been married.—Dallas (Texas) News.

Another unnecessary city noise is the school bell, if one accepts the settled conviction of the boy whom it summons to September tasks.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Chicago scientists are hot on the trail of the germ of old age. But why hunt it? It's a thing that will come without calling, in time.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Japan does not need to ask for security when lending money to China—she will collect both principal and interest later on, and especially the principal.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Information comes that King Albert of Belgium has never been so happy since the war began as he has in beginning to turn gray. Very likely. Losing a kingdom and the key to the strong box is calculated to bring a heavy weight of sorrow to the kindest of kings.—London Herald.

A local minister preached an admirable sermon on what he calls the "unpardonable sin," and it wasn't what we thought it was, a fall. Our idea of the unpardonable sin is the sinner that will subscribe for a newspaper, take a vacation, and without saying anything and then put it back in the postoffice marked "refused."—Mexico Ore (Hibbing, Minn.).

## Railroad 24 Miles Long; "Goes There and Back" Some Things That Happened On Albuquerque Trip

By G. A. MARTIN.

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